AN ODD STORY OF JUSTICE.

A LOVING GIRL'S TESTIMONY.

CHAPTER I. No doubt there were some in the time of the Queen of Sheba who carped at the wisdom of Solomon; and so were people in the city in the days that immediately followed the American war who had something to say against the firm of Parkman, Bubb & Parkman, of 17 Change alley. They could not deny that it was an old-established concern, for Parkmans' had been trading between London and Calcutta in almost the early days of John Company Bahadur. And they could not say that it was not presperous, for its name stood high in its own branch of business, and it had never been known to go in for rash speculations or risky profits. But what people did say, and there were old fogies on 'Change never tired of re-peating it. was that there was too much young blood in Parkmans'. "Go into Parkmans'," these would say, "and you'll have a young man to deal with, unless you have the luck to do with old Parkman!"-treatment which they seemed to think most offensive. And of course when old Parkman died rather suddenly, these carpers were still more triumphant. There was no saving clause now when they stated the treatment you might expect at Park-mans'. For the second partner was only a sleeping partner—sleeping, it was currently reported, on a fine estate in Ross-shire—and young Parkman well, he was young Parkman. Then Critchlow, the cashier, was young for a cashier, being under forty; and Crisp. the head clerk, was very young, being something over thirty. And altogether Parkmans' might expect, for some time to come, to hear a good deal about its It was 2 o'clock on a Saturday some

three weeks after old Mr. Parkman's death. In the large office the clerks were putting away their books and getting down their hats. There was a murmur of talk about the river, or Wimbleton, or whatever amusement they severally had in view for the afternoon, when a tall man, dressed in dark mourn ing, and wearing his hat, entered from an inner room. The noise sank to a respectful hum. He was a handsome man, with a short, fair moustache, and light blue eyes. He nodded pleasantly to one or two of the clerks, and walked through to where a glass case in a corner indicated the sanctum of the head clerk. Crisp, a small, slen der, dark-complexioned man, looked up peevishly as the chief entered, but seeing who it was, would have got down from his stool. "Sit still," the merchant said, lay-

ing his hand lightly on the other's shoulder to stay him. "I am only waiting for the carriage. It is more pleasant here than in the outer office. u are not going about your usual business to-day, I think, Crisp, eh? The clerk's face flushed.

No. Mr. James," he said; "I am "What, haven't you made it up with

her yet?" The young man shook his head, and then broke out suddenly with-

And what is more, sir, my temper has been so bad ever since Critchlow found out this deficiency that I should be afraid of making matters worse. 1 don't wonder she could not stand it; it is no good my trying to make it up with her till I have cleared that up. Then I shall be myself again, and can look her in the face. As I told you, sir, I shall come back at 4, and go through the books quietly by myself. I shall never forget your kindness, sir, But that Critchlow is so trying !-there's not a clerk in the office does not know now that there is something the matter with my accounts." Crisp spoke with deep feeling, and it

was evident that the other believed "Don't think too much of it," he

said kindly. "If it cannot be explained I shall still trust you. It is but a small amount. Try to hit upon the "Try!" cried the head clerk; "I've

tried again and again."
He passed his hands through his hair until it stood on end, and, with his

bright black eyes, gave him a very wild look. "Well, do your best." the merchant

answered, drawing on his gloves. "You know my poor father had every confidence in you, as he had in your father, and I have the same, Crisp. And then he went, the young man

looking after him with grateful, almost worshipping, eyes. There were few men in his position and at his age so invatiably kind and considerate to their inferiors as was James Parkman. Old Parkman had been the same, and father and son enjoyed a rare popularity in the office. It was whispered, but bro-bably there was no truth in the malicious rumor, that they never quarrelled save with one another.

Crisp sat for some minutes pendering, and, if his face was any index to his thoughts, upon some unpleasant subject. Then he arose, and taking his hat went into the outer office. were still two or three clerks there, detained by some small matters, and talking to them in a sharp, rasping voice was a stout, black-whiskered, short-faced man.

" Not found it out yet?" he said to Crisp, in a speering tone. He was Critchlow, the cashier.

"No," retorted the head clerk, "nor likely to while there is so much noise in the office !"

Well, if I were you, I'd stay and find it out, if I stayed until to-morrow. But it is fine to be you. I've got to stay until 4 or thereabouts, error or no "I think," said Crisp wrathfully,

seeing the clerks upon the broad grin, "that I should make it hot for you if I stayed long with you anywhere!" And without waiting to hear the cashier's retort, or the burst of laugh-

ter which his own excited answer evoked from the youngsters, he passed out and randown the stairs and through the quiet alley into the street.

CHAPTER II. It was half-past 4 when Crisp, after threading divers of the city ways, in which the crowds were now rapidly lessening, turned again into Change al-ley. A look of depression—a haggard, careworn look—was upon the young man's face as he crossed it, his head bent down. Suddenly a sweet, glad cry - oh! so out of place there-struck upon his ear, and he stopped and looked round with a start, to meet the next instant two little gloved bands thrust into his, two brown eyes swimming with tears looking into his black ones.

Oh. Fine-t!" the girl cried—she was young and pretty, but dressed very

inly in black, and until this moment | that a great crime was con

plainly in black, and until this moment had worn her veil down—"aren't you glad to see me?"

"Glad, my darling?" he cried, all the care gone out of his face; "yes, very glad. You know I am glad."

"And you do love me as much as ever," she pleaded, with her eyes fixed

so very anxiously on his.
"Yes," he said simply. Nor did
she doubt him now, though during the
last fortnight of estrangement following
that wretched petty quarrel she had
fancied all sorts of dreadful things. "More and more every day, dearest. It was all my fault, Ethel. I had been worried and vexed by business, and

visited it upon you."

The girl looked up at him with clinging eyes, as if it had been a privilege he had granted her. Then she said, but not reproachfully, "I have been here half an hour; I expected you before.'

"Did you?" he answered. "It was so good of you to be here, generous of you, like yourself! But you must come in for a minute with me, Ethel. The house is quite empty. The care-taker I know has leave to be away this afternoon; and Critchlow, our cashier, will have left by new."
"I don't think I ought," she said

"Nonsense!" he replied gayly. "I each time in company with a must put my books away now, and come back after tea. And see, if you Police produced the key found upon are thinking of the proprieties, there is a policeman watching us with the most

she came shyly in. Once inside, however, and the door shut upon the inquisitive policemen—well, it is no matter to us how Crisp welcomed her. But to us how Crisp welcomed her. But this satisfactorily performed, they went up-stairs, his arm round her waist—a low upon the last occasion, when the cashier was, so far as could be proved, strange sight in that dusty place—their steps echoing in the empty house. At the top of the stairs the door into the large clerks' room was ajar. Crisp pushed it open and led her in. "And this is where you do your work?" she asked, devouring with wide-open eyes the long, bare room, with its four windows, its row of desks and stools along one side, and the glass-box in the far "No," he answered, laughing, "I

am supposed to be a cut above this. Only I am obliged to be very careful not to throw stones." He led her up the room, and, unlocking the door of his glass house, took her in. How delightful it was to help her upon his high stool and hold her there, tor, of course, being unaccustomed to it, she might have become giddy! And come at once face to face with her own photograph! And then to see her blush, all pleasure at this proof of his fidelity! It was all so delightful that fidelity! he wondered why, though they had met in Change alley on Saturday afternoons before, he had never brought her to see his office. he had thr "And where do those doors lead to? at school.

Don't, Ernest; please leave my hair alone. How do you know, sir, that there is no one there? " He stopped at once-whatever he was

loing-and a dark shadow fell across his face. "That is Critchlow's room. he said, "and, by Jove, he's left his key in it! There's a nice piece of carelessness!" But there was no elation in his voice. It seemed as if a shadow had fallen on them both from the moment her eyes were drawn to that door. It was not just in front of them-the door leading to the partners' rooms stood there-but in the corner on the

"I'll take the key and convict him, at any rate, of this," the young man said, moodily, and went out of his glass case and crossed the floor to the door. The girl followed him, a strange, sudden feeling of the emptiness of the house upon her. How hollow Ernest's footteps rang. The sun, too, had gone behind a cloud, and the room seemed by the detective. dreary, dusty, and cold, too, for she

and finding it locked, slipped the key out and put it into his pocket. Then he locked his own door and pocketed that key also. It was strange, perhaps, but opened the outer door hastily, and seemed to breathe more freely when they were out of the alley and in the peopled

They took so long a walk, Ethel tellg her lover of her latest troubles at Maintree House, a young ladies' semi-nary where she was tolerated as teacher

counts, that when they parted he gave up all thought of returning to his books. "But you must not be late another day, sir," were her last words. He thought nothing of them then, but afterward, when he was alone, they puzzled him. There had been no appointment made for that afternoon, no promis given, no time fixed. So how could be have been late? It was odd. What did she mean by saying he was late?

CHAPTER III.

Crisp's omission to return to the books may have blunted his moral sense, or it may have been mere chance that led him to be nearly a quarter of an hour late on Monday morning. As he hurried up the alley he was surprised by the sight of a group collected about Parkman's door. Among them were one or two of Parkman's clerks looking unlike themselves, and one or two policemen unable to look at anything but themselves.
"What is up?" he asked lightly

but though they all seemed to be looking at him, no one answered. Instead, clerk, one of the juniors, said audibly, "That is Mr. Crisp": and a strange voice answered emphatically, "That is the man!" This seemed to cause a sensation, amid which a short, author of that?" stout person with a blunt, hearty voice please," in a voice of authority. . What in the world is the matter?

asked Crisp. "Tell you in a moment, sir. Please to step with me up to Mr. Parkman's room." And he took Crisp by the arm, in what the latter thought an odd of it-or say he was sorry." fashion, and so led him up, and swiftly through the clerk's office, which was half full of staring gapers, and into the

junior partner's room.

Crisp looked round him in utter be

ou take him?" and fell back into a corner of the room, where he seemed to busy himself with an old Joe Miller, very facetious that it rendered him

oblivious to all going on around him.

While Crisp stood looking from one
to the other the superintendent rose

on Saturday afternoon. The cashier, Mr. Critchlow, has been found dead in his office, stabbed to the heart from be-

"Mr. Critchlow," the head clerk whispered with white, shaking lips.

"And you have been identified as
the person last seen to leave the house. I'm sorry to say that I must take you into custody on suspicion; I must warn you, too, Mr. Crisp, that anything you say will be given in evidence against

"On Saturday afternoon!" Crisp muttered in awed accents, looking around him with eyes that did not see. But what—why am I suspected?"
"All that you will hear at the Mausion House. I am anxious to take you there at once, and with as little

pleasantness to yourself as possible."
Shortly afterward the merchant, pale but collected, had to be present at the Lord Mayor's inquiry at the justice-room of the Mansien House. We need not attend him thither, for only such evidence was taken as would justify a remand, and the reader can guess what that was. The policeman was examined who had seen Crisp go into the house on the Saturday afternoon, and had likewise seen him a little later, the prisoner, and proved that it was the key of Mr. Critchlow's office, He opened the door with his key, and upon the outside. And two of Parkseen alive by any one except the murderer. This amply sufficed; and Ernest Crisp, clerk, was formally remandedbail being of course refused-until the following Thursday upon the charge of wilful murder. The inquest, opened the same day, was adjourned to await the result of the magisterial inquiry.

CHAPTER IV.

"A clergyman to see Miss Maunder? I will see him first myself," said Miss Maintree in her stiffest tone. She was the principal of the Maintree-House Seminary, the propriety of which was so rigid that no letters were permitted to be received by pupils or governesses, save such as could first be read by that dragon of virtue, the principal.

She was absent from the school-room ten minutes. The girls looked curiously see her fit her little boots to the rail of at Ethel, and the latter wondered who the desk, and unlock the latter and it could be. She knew of no clergyprised by the gracious permission to go to the drawing-room which Miss Maintree presently vouchsafed her; an indulgence due not so much to the reverend visitor's subtle politeness as to the fact, casually made known by him, that he had three daughters of an age to be

"You wished to see me?" Ethel said, surprised at confronting a short, portly clergyman, who was a complete stranger to her.
"I do. You look a sensible young

lady, and I will tell you right out who I am and what I want. Please don't faint or scream, or all my trouble expended in making things comfortable for you will be thrown away. My name is Peters. I am a detective officer. You know a gentleman called Crisp—I see you do. Are engaged to marry him? Just so. Well, he has been charged- But there, read that, please, and pray be as calm as you And he put into her hands an can." early Globe, pointing ont the report of the proceedings at the Mansion House. "Pray be as calm as you can."

She went white to the lips as she read, but save one faint cry when its meaning broke upon her, gave no sign of the demonstrations so much dreaded

"Now, I am quite aware, miss, that you were the lady who was with the ac-Crisp, after trying the cashier's door cused. If you are implicated "-he did not think after a glance at her face that she was-"you had best say nothing. But if the young man is inmiss !

"And why not?" she cried indig-nantly. "Why should I be troubled because a false charge is brought against him? Why—" But then her voice broke, and she cried piteously. Oh. tell me, sir, how I can help

nary where she was tolerated as teacher of English, and Ernest, confiding the dreadful matter of the error in his ache said, when he had heard all, "but may I ask if you met by appoint-

She colored. "I had a message from him on the Friday morning."

" Verbal or written?" "Neither. I cannot receive letters here, so when Ernest could take me out on Saturday-his and my half helidayhe would put an advertisement in Friday's Standard. It was foolish. perhaps, but Ernest had a fancy to put it in cipher, and I, well,"—with a bright blush—"I liked it because it took me longer to read the message."

"Just so! You'll forgive me saying that now I know you are telling me the truth. So will you please explain what that ugly little bit means?" handed to her the slip he had shown to Mr. Parkman, and pointed out the words: "I will have rid myself of our worst enemy."

Yes. We had a silly quarrel. I told him-oh, how could 1?-that his temper was his worst enemy and mine. He meant that as a-I mean he wished to apologize and make it up." "One more question, young lady.
What should you say if I told you that
Mr. Crisp denied on his way to the
Mansion House this morning being the

"Say!" she cried fiercely. "I should say I believed him! But still and a humorous eye, pushed through should say I believed him! But still the group and said. "This way, sir, it surprises me. This message begins

memoer that I thought it odd that he made no reference to this passage on Saturday. And it was strange that though he was half an hour after the appointed time he did not seem to the same and sketched by the crowd in that close green-painted court, with the one window and the skylight, was Mr. Parkman; and close observers noted that his eyes would Peters sat thinking deeply. "It's a cipher a child could read," he murmur-

ed to himself. "And any one reading previous advertisements could have identified the Ernest very likely. Is it | am." Mr. Parkman, pale and agitated. By the window two gentlemen were talking. At the table, apparently making seme notes, sat a police officer.

"Watson," said his confluctor, shutting the door firmly behind them, "do acquainted with these cipher mes-

> "It is a mere formality, Crisp," Mr. Parkman volunteered, speaking for the first time with earnest kin lness. "I" will attend myself and say how per-fectly ridiculous your conduct for years makes this charge appear."

to the other the superintendent rose abruptly and stepped close to him.

"Mine is a painful business, sir. You are Mr. Ernest Crisp, I think?"

It darted into Crisp's mind that the chief had put the police in motion in the matter of that little discrepancy in his lineh when the operation began. But accounts; but a single glance at Mr.

Parkman's pale, sympathizing face sufficed to dispose of that. "Yes," he said. "I am. That is my name."

"You may or may not know, then.

This is the missing key!" he ex
"This is the missing key!" he ex-

ed, and a thrill of intelligence

claimed, and a thrill of intelligence seemed to pass round the room.

"That key," said Crisp, still bewildered and grappling with the memory of things which seemed to have happened so long ago. "that is the key of Mr. Critch—" he stopped with trembling lips. He had gone so far unthinking; and then his position in all its hearings flashed across his mind. thinking; and then his position in all its bearings flashed across his mind. He remembered all that the presence of that key upon him, all that the words he had uttered, might mean for him. The room began to go round, visions of Ethel and Mr. Critchlow swam before his eyes. Amid an appalling silence, which had greeted his words, he fell to

the floor in a dead faint. Five minutes later the room was cleared of all save its owner and the short, stout man. "I cannot believe it now," Mr. Parkman was saying "and yet the key-the key! How can he explain that? How can he ex-

plain that?"
"You remember, sir, I told you it was a pretty clear case," answered the detective-for such he was, and a wellknown one. "You did, and I did not believe

you," the merchant answered with a groan. He was very greatly distressed, and no wonder. "Well, sir, I'm inclined to think that you were right and I was wrong,' the other answered, dryly.

"Eh! Less clear now, inspector But the key? "It is the key, and another matter or two that puzzle me," the man answered thoughtfully. "You've read, I dare say, of murderers doing stupid things, sir? There was that nurse who strangled her patient, and then could not refrain from laying her out? Yes quite so. But I never heard of a mur-

derer carrying a proof against himself in his pocket, and that proof a thing he

had no motive for keeping and every chance to get rid off." It almost seemed as if the merchant in his interest in the puzzle thus presented to him forgot his anxiety on be-half of his poor clerk. "But," he suggested, "it was very likely sheer carelessness. Its discovery you could see was a terrible shock to him."

"Quite true, sir," the detective said. " And the female who, if the policeman is to be believed, was with himif you could get a clue to her, she might clear it all up."

"I hope she may," the man answered coolly, "for I have not only got the clue to her; I shall see her to-day. I don't think there can be any impru-dence in showing you this," He took from a large pocket-book which he produced a tiny newspaper cutting. Parkman looked at it with a face of great amazement. It read thus : "GL VGSVO NZRMGIVY SLEHY

RETSTEGY NAME NA MAZIANG ZO 17 XSZMTV ZOOVE ZG ULFI GLNDILD VB GSZG GRNV RDROO SZEV IRW NEHVOU LU LEI DLIHG VMVNB BLEI OLERMY VIMVIIG." "But this is gibberish!" the mer-

chant said, after turning it over.
"No, not gibberish," the detective answered, wondering that such a man hould know so little of such a subject, only cipher, and the easiest that ex-It's merely a transposition of the ists. alphabet, Z is A, Y is B, and so on. But here is my translation. I may add that the advertisement appeared in the Standard of last Friday, sir." The translation ran as follows:

To Ethel, Maintree House, Highgate : "Meet me, dearest, at 17 Change alley, at 4 to-morrow. By that time I will have rid myself of our worst ene-Your loving ERNEST." "Good heavens!" cried the mer-

chant, pale with excitement. "He is This is almost conclusive evilost! dence. I don't know—good heavens!— I don't know what can be said to this." "Umph!" the detective said. "This advertisement is another thing which I had not when I gave you my opinion

He said it meaningly, this morning.' and paused as if expecting to be ques-But Mr. Parkman had not marked the drift of his last words, and let them pass unchallenged. "Not through me," she answered mickly. "But I remember Ernest say-

ing that young Mr. Parkman knew all out me, and had been very kind. But he cannot have anything to do with it." "No." the detective answered brisk-

ly; but he may have told some one else. I must go to Richmond to-morrow, or as soon as I can, and ask him. We will lose no time," he added cheerily. "Your young gentleman shall be free in a day or two. And I hope that then he will teach you a better cipher, miss-or get rid of any necessity for using one." On the tram-car Peters said to him-

self: "Wanted, some one with two things. Firstly, a motive for murdering Critchlow, and secondly, a knowledge, however gained, of the relations between Crisp and this very nice girl. By gad! This is a new idea! Could it be that Critchlow fancied the girl and tried to decoy her there with this bogus message, and was found out and killed by the jealous lover before the girl came! I must consider that. That is

CHAPTER V.

"Are you engaged to marry the accused?" This was not the first question put to the witness, but it was the first that promised to afford the spectators, who occupied every inch of floor in the justice-room, the slightest return for the trouble they had taken. The city was talking of nothing but the Critchlow tragedy, and even in Cheapside the exenterent was plainly visible. Ev ry was not engaged elsewhere, was there. It was rumored that the matter was now as clear as the murder was diabolical, and that the young man would certainly be committed for trial to-day. Among the persons pointed at, and scanned and sketched by the crowd noted that his eyes would now and again turn from wandering over the court to cast a look of anxiety, of expectation, almost of dread, toward the

But listen. The witness has answered the question brastly. ... I

"And he was in the habit of communicating with you by cipher adver-tisements similar to the one I pro-"He was."

"Did he communicate with you by an advertisement appearing in the Standard on the Friday before the

"He did not." "Were you." said the counsel, miling, "under the impression last Saturday that the advertisement ema-"I was. But you must let me ex-

lain." And with great steadiness she stated her reasons for so thinking, and what she had understood the message to mean, and why she did not now think

THE RICHMOND DISPATURE-SUNDAY MAY 31 1888. ever he was, who inserted this adver-

"I don't know," she fallered. Then with courage: "Yes, I do think so."

He smiled calmly as he looked around. It was evident he thought nothing of the girl's theory, but be lieved Crisp to be both author and murderer. Others in court also smiled and shook their heads. Her idea was too complex and far-fetched for them They could not swallow it, in vulgar

She was taken then through the events of the Saturday afternoon, and examined particularly as to the pri-soner's statements about the deceased. Afterward the solicitor for the defence, well known to be employed by Mr Parkman, drew from her all that might tell in the prisoner's favor; and then, casting one long, loving look of com fort at her lover. Ethel sat down. She had told the truth; she had perfect trust now in the wisdom of the law.

Two or three unimportant witnesses followed, the medical evidence succeeded these, and then Mr. Parkman was called. As he took off his glove many sympathizing glances were east at his handsome figure and grave face. What a trouble and annoyance it must have been to him! What a loss to be de-prived of his two chief employes at once! And then how rich he was said to be; and almost fashionable too, for was he not going to be married to the Hon. Sylvestra Hautban? Even the Lord Mayor could hardly refrain from leaning forward in his great oak chair to look his sympathy.
"The prisoner has been a clerk in

the employment of your firm for nearly fourteen years, Mr. Parkman?" That was the first question of any interest. "He has. He has been a most faithful, steady, and upright man in all his dealings with us."

This was gallant testimony, but what could it avail against facts? It only evoked a look of warm gratitude from the prisoner. Mr. Parkman then went on to tell what he knew of the differences between Critchlow and the prisoner, and the unfriendly mention of the cashier which Crisp had made in their last conversation. But he told this so reluctantly that the examining barrister was struck by his bias in the prisoner's favor, and asked him with a smile: "And do you think that the same person inserted the advertisement and committed the murder?"

The witness naused : it was clear that he had no doubt that his protege was guilty of the one and the other, for he faltered and passed his hand over his brow. Then he said, "I do."

"And so do I," said the counsel dryly, and was about to sit down with that quip in his mouth, when there was a bustle at the door. Some glanced that way impatiently, and some expectantly; what was the expression of Mr. Parkman's face it was hard to say. It was almost a baffied, hunted look that came into his light blue eyes, and the hand which he raised to stroke his moustache scarcely hid an odd contraction of the mouth. The noise ceased as a burly man pushed his way through the crowd to the table. He seemed t be some one of importance, for the counsel paused in the act of sitting down and lent a willing ear to his whisper. Then a hurried and seemingly exciting conference went on between these two and the solicitor for the defence and one or two others-so exciting that expectation was raised to a very high pitch, and at length the Lord Mayor, unable to bear it longer, said : "Have you any more questions for this witness, Mr. Banckworth?"

Thus recalled to himself, Mr. Banckworth rose from his stooping position and seemed to hesitate. Finally he said, with an air of reluctance, my Lord, I fear I have. Mr. Parkman. did I understand you to give it as your opinion that whoever inserted that advertisement committed this murder?" A strange nause, then, in an equally

A strange pause, then, in an equally strange, hoarse tone, "Yes."

"Is that," holding up a Russia-leather blotting-case tilled with green the blotting-case tilled with green with a blotting-case, you blotting-paper, "the blotting-case v

use in your library at Richmond? If sounded, apart from the sudden production of the case, a harmless that through all that crowded court every one felt the terrible nature of the silence which followed. Was that or-dinary-looking case a gorgon's head, that at sight of it the perspiration should spring in great beads to the wit ness's forehead and his mouth should writhe in vain attempt to speak. He couldn't. He couldn't. In the end he only nodded.

Then can you explain," the lawyer asked solemnly, ... how it happens that upon a page of this blotting-paper there appears in printed characters a reverse impression of the latter part of this advertisement?"

The crisis had come, the worst had happened, and yet even now some cool, plausible reason might avail him. Now was the time for ready brain and steady pulse—now; but now all these were wanting. He glared round him for a moment on the sea of faces, grasped wildly at his throat, and fell to the floor of the box in a fit.

Amid a thrill of such sensation as few in that court had ever experienced they bore him out to an adjoining room. But he was dead before they could bring a doctor to him. That moment-and Heaven knows what of bitter anticipation-had been his pun

ishment in this world. Peters, it appeared, had gone down to see him at Richmond, and while waiting in the library had, in the instinctive pursuit of his profession, turned over the leaves of the blotting-book. The cipher caught his eye, but, the merchant entering at that moment, it was not until he left for town that Peters could get into the house again, confirm his impression, and with his strange piece of evidence follow to London by a later train.

For a few hours after the merchant's death it seemed one of those motiveless murders that upset all calculation. But among his papers was found the key. He had lost great sums by deep play at a West-End club. His father was then ill, his needs were most pressing. He had already far exceeded his right to draw upon the firm; to get more he deposited forged acceptances. At his father's death the cashier discovered this, and though the junior partner was now able to refund the money, Critchlow held the forgeries in terrorem over him. Parkman, secre-tive. yet flerce, took his life. Of him enough. For Ernest Crisp.

he married Ethel three weeks later .-London Society.

M: LLINERY.

MRS. L. B. MORRIS. MRS. L. B. MORRIS,
501 BROAD STREET.
will sell for the next thirty days
ALL SPRING GOODIS left over. FINE
TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED HATS
AND BONNETS at and below cost. Call
and see the bargains.

MRS. L. B. MORRIS,
501 BROAD
BONNETS
B

AUMBER RESORTS.

NOW OPEN, BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA Its acknowledged success as a STAMER RESORT has piaced it in the front rank of MOUNTAIN RETREATS. and the highest voucher for the value of this remark can be found in the fact that for tensuccessive summers many of its patrous have engaged the same rooms, sat at the same table, and been attended by the same servants, until now they regard it as their SUMMER HOME.

The additional attractions for this season are the enlargement of the Bail-Room to double its former capacity.
An elegant "turnout" for pleasant afternoon drives, and the unsurpassed horseback tide to Wild-Cat Knob.

An elegant "turnout" for pleasant afterneon drives, and the unsurpassed horseback
ride to Wild-Cat Knob.

A pond well stocked with carp, and the
nountains abound with squirrels.

All the amusements usually found at a
fint-class summer resort.

Famphlets at the drugstores of Purcell.
Ladd & Co. and Polk Miller & Co.
PHILE, BROWN,
my 31-1m Owner and Proprietor. COEB'S ISLAND - REOPENED

OFB'S ISLAND — REOPENED.
FOR THE RECEPTION OF VISITORS.
SPLENDID BATHING, FISHING, AND
SNITE-SHGOTING, Passengers for Cobb's
Island will take the Cape Charles, a daily
stender, from Norfolk, at 19 A. M., or from
Old Foint at 10 A. M. Passengers will
buy tickets on stender to Cheriton station,
where backs for seaside will meet them.
Terms: Per day, \$2; per week, \$12; per
month, \$40. Address
J. T. SPADY, Proprietor.
Bay View P. O., Cobb's Island, Va.
my 31-25m

U P 3,000 FEET. DEER PARK AND OAKLAND, on the crest of the Alleghenies, within the famous Glade section, directly on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio. No stage rides

of the Baltimore and Ohio. No stage rides or bus transfers.

All Limited-Express trains stop.

With the new and unparalled fast schedule on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad these lovely twin resorts are, beyond all comparison, the most advantageously located, both as to train service and surroundings, of any east of the Rockies.

Leave Washington after late breakfast, arrive at Deer Park for supper.

Return trains are equally favorable:
Leave beer Park after breakfast, arrive at Washington for early dunner, Leave Deer Park after breakfast, arrive at Washington for early dunner, Leave Deer Park after breakfast, arrive at Washington for early dunner, Leave Deer Park after dunner, arrive at Washington for early supper. There is also a Night Express cach way, making triple daily trains each way.

Baltimore and Ohio Liuslied for Chicago.

carly supper. There is also a Night Express cach way, making triple daily trains each way.

Baltimore and Ohlo Limited for Chicago and the Northwest via Beer Park and Oak-land: Leaves Washington at 10 A. M., arriving in Chicago next morning at 8:55 A. M.; quicker than any other limited. Baltimore and Ohlo Limited for Cincinnati. 8t. Louis, and the Southwest, via Beer Park and Oakland: Leaves Washington at 3:30 P. M. arrive at Cincinnati at 7:45 A. Mour hours the quickest. St. Louis at 6:30 P. M. arrive at Cincinnati at 7:45 A. Magnificent Trains Through without change, New Buffet, Sleeping, Parlor, Family-Room, and Day Coaches.

Season opens JUNE 22b. No files, no mognifices no hay-fever no majoria. Deer Park and Oakland—the one being but six miles distant from the other, with most charming drives connecting them.—will be under the management of Mr. W. J. WALKER, who, in his two seasons' management of Deer Park, made many enthusiastic friends of the glorious resort among southern people.

All communications should be addressed.

sastic friends of the glorious resort among southern people.

All communications should be addressed to W. J. WALKER, Queen-City Hotel Cumberland, Md., up to June 15th, and after that date either Deer Park or Oakland, Md.

Rates: \$60, \$75, and \$90 per month, according to location. Diagrams of theory and rooms open at Baltimore and Ohio ticket-offices, 610 and 1351 Penusylvania avenue. Washington, or can be had upon written request to Mr. Walker or Baltimore and Ohio ticket-sgents.

The Baltimore and Ohio Company has spared no expense in rendering beer Park and Oakland the leading mountain resort of the Fast, and for the season of 1885 the attractions will be of a character not hitherto equalised, and the cuisine of both louses unexcelled. The finest place for children in the land.

MY SEDINGS VA

A LLEGHANY SPRINGS, VA., NOW THE LARGEST, MOST POPULAR, AND FASH ONABLE RESORT IN VIRGINIA,

will be open for the reception of guests or

FIRST DAY OF JUNE. The accommodations are FIRST CLASS, af-fording every comfort for both invalid and pleasure-seeker. The hotel is commodious, and supplied

lishment.

Aftine Brass and String Band of Music has been engaged.

Pamphlets containing a full description of the Springs, with certificates of some of the remarkable cures of dyspepsia and other chronic diseases, will be furnished on application to PURCELL LADD & CO.

Richmond, Va. or C. A. CALHOUN

General Manager, Alleghany Springs, Va.

A good livery is attached to the estab-

Easy-riding vehicles meet all passenger rains at Goshen depot.

Rates: \$2 per day, \$10 per week, \$35 per nouth. Special rates for families spending.

Send for circulars giving full analysis of ater and other actions. month. Special Residual Special Special Residual Residual

GREENWOOD HOTEL, HEENWOOD ROTELS,

Attented on the southeast slope of the Bine Rules mountains, 1,400 feet above the level of the seas, at one of the most pictureque and beautiful locations on the Chesapeake and Ohlo rallway.

AN EXCELLENT CHALYBEATE SPRING and PURE FREESTONE WATER upon the grounds. pon the grounds.
NOW READY
FOR BOARDERS, For
erms address
my 20-13t
Greenwood Depot, Va,

HEALING SPRINGS, WILL OPEN JUNE 1st. The general super-intendence will be by Mr. E. NEWMAN EUBANK, of Lynchburg, assisted by Mr. JOHN M. BURFOOT, of Richmond, Va., who has for several years had charge of the office. office. Healing Springs water for sale by PUR-CELL, LADD & CO., Richmond. Send postal for pamphlets. Get off at Covingion. my 9-2m MATTIE W. EUBANK.

CONGRESS HALL,

SARATOGA SPRINGS OPEN FROM JUNE 13 TO OCTOBER 1. uly, \$5 and \$3.50; August, \$3.50 and \$4.

H. S. CLEMENT, Manager. my 5-26t VALLEY-VIEW SPRINGS, NEAR New Market, Va., opens JUNE 15, 1883, New management, Picturesque situation, Good mesic, livery, and drives, Terms very liberal. Apply for circulars, IROSENBERGER & MENIFEE, my 28-2w

THE WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, THE WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS,
GREENBRIER COUNTY, W.VA.,
THE MOST CELEBRATED OF ALL THE
MOUNTAIN RESORTS,
and one of the
OLDEST AND MOST POPULAR OF
AMERICAN WATERING-PLACES,
will open for the season JUNE 1sr. Elevation above tidewater 2,000 feet; surrounding mountains, 3,500 feet. Send for pamoble describing bygienic advantages. phlet describing hygienic advantages, my 5-2m B. F. EAKLE, superintendent.

BOARD FOR THE SUMMER AT BUCKROE, on Chesapeake bay, two miles east of Old Foint. Open MAY 15TH. For terms, &c., apply to MES. M. A. HERBERT, my 5-1m

ORKNEY SPRINGS.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA...
will be open for the reception of visitors from JUNE 1st TO DEICHMER 1st.
Greatest variety of medicinal waters of any summer resort in the United States.
Table unexcelled bed-rooms large and airy, hot, cold, shower, and plunge baths, first-class livery at low rates, magnificent roads, heautiful scenery, good fishing and game in immediate vicinity.
Hescriptive pampilets, containing full information, can be obtained free of Purcell, Ladd & Co., Owens & Minor, Polk Miller & Co., Thornbury & Ramos, L. Wagner, H. Rlatt, Jesse Chilld, P. Dupuy, and Disputch office.

Parties leaving Richmond via the Chesaoffice.

Parties leaving Richmond via the Chesapeake and Ohio road make close connection at Stamuton with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for the Springs.

H. CABELL MADDUX, my 3-3m

Proprietor,

WARM SULPHUR SPRINGS, ARM SULITURE STATES OF THE STA

P OR SALE, SIXTEEN HIVES OF ITALIAN BEEN hives, combs. boxes, honey-ratractor, knife, and smoker, and every thing needed to sommence an arbary. Can be bought low for cash. Apply 10 M.A. HAMMOND, at J. J. Harvey's, No. 3 east Broad street, my 30-41* OR SALE SIXTEEN HIVES OF

W HERE TO BUY.—Remondary of the control of the cont my 8-Im A FACT, AND NO HUMBUG.

A One hundred suits, to some dealers would be all their stock, but to me it is only a small portion. I will sell for thirty days 100 CHAMBER SUITS, all new designs, and 65 PARLOR SUITS at the lowest factory prices. Come see and be convinced. You will save money. WILLIAM DAFFRON. 1436 and 1438 Main street, 22 Governor street, 4 west Broad street. Telephone, 383. mh 31

DRESTON BELVIN, FURNITURE, No. 18 GOVERNOR STREET.

[mb 10-3m]

WE ARE CONFIDENT, AFTER an experience of forty years
in the FURNITURE BUSINESS, in saying we have some judgment as to the wants
of the public, our long experience enabling
us to buy goods at prices that can't be undersold by any house in the city, our shock
being full and replenished with all of the
late novelties as they are produced. Partias
wishing complete suits in WALNUT, MAMOGANY, and OAK for PARLOR. BEDand DINING-ROOMS will find it to their
interest to examine our stock before buying. Terms made satisfactory in all instances. E. GATHRIGHT & SON'S.

12 and 16 Governor street,
mh 1-Su.Tu&Th3m

CARPETS, MATTINGS, &c. GEORGE W. ANDERSON & SONS, . 1204 MAIN STREET.

CARPETS — Wilton. Moquette. Brussels, Tapestry, Three-Ply, Ingrains, Cotton-Chains, Rag, List, and Hemps. Genuine Turkey, and the handsome imitations of Smyrna Rugs. The cheapest and best selection of MAT-TINGS probably ever in this city from

LACE CURTANS and UPHOLSTERY
GOODS, with Cornices or Poles made to
fit any bay or other shaped window;
OH_CLOTHS, LINOLEUMS, CORTICINI,
LIGNUM, and the different grades of
COCOA and NAPIER MATTING for
floors and stairs;
Every kind of PAPER-HANGINGS for wall
and colling decorations, from the cheap
paper at 10c, per roll to the elaborate and
tandsome imitations of leather;
WINDOW-SHADES and AWNINGS made
in every shapes and style;

in every shape and style;
And a general assortment of HOUSEHOLD
UPHOLSTERY GOODS in price and
quality not to be surpassed. ap 29-3 m CANTON MATTINGS, LACE CURTAINS.

We are prepared to exhibit this season a full line of the above goods, in beautiful patterns, at prices lower than similar quali-ties have ever been offered at before, R. P. RICHARDSON & CO., 809 east Main street (Pace Block, ap 24-eod2m

CARPETINGS.

CARPETS AND MATTINGS. CARPETS AND MATTINGS.—
White Red-'hecked, and Fancy Mattings in all gry les at the lowest prices. OilCloths, Shs les, Holland's Lace Curtain,
Cornice and Foles, Rugs, Mats, and Druggets; Paper-Hanging in all grades. Work
done in town or country. All orders promptly attended to.

A. JENNINGS.

1311 Main street,
Richmond, Va.

PROPOSALS. DROPOSALS FOR THE WORK AND MATERIALS FOR THE COM-PLETION OF THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE STATE-HOUSE AT COLUMBIA. S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15, 1885. COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15, 1885, SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Architect's office, at the State-House in Columbia, S. C., until 2 o'clock P. M. of the 18T DAY OF JUNE, 1885, for the GRANTIE-WORK and MATERIAL required for the completion of the main building of the State-House, in accordance with the drawings and specifications, which can be seen and any additional information obtained at the Atchitect's office.

The grantle to be used for the building should resemble in color the one now in the building, which came originally from the Granby quarry, within three miles of the State House.

bid should be accompanied by Fach bid should be accompanied by a corked sample of the granite to be used. Wherevoever the granite is taken from, tshould be completely cut at the quarry, oxed, shipped, marked, and deposited at he State-House yard. From with approved security will be remired for the faithful performance of the work and its completion and delivery within a specified time not exceeding six months over the above these.

work and its complete the state of the above date.

Fropesals should be addressed "To the Commissioners for the Completion of the State-House." Columbia.8. C.

The commissioners reserve to themselves the right to reject any or all bids offered.

Proposals for the use of the State quarries near Columbia will be considered by the Ecard.

Architect State-House,

Architect State-House,

my 19-10t Columbia. S. C.
P. S. The time for the reception of proposals is extended from the 1st to the 10FH OF JUNE. Newspapers which are publish-ing this advertisement will publish five days longer than heretofore ordered. my 26-91

MONDAY, JUNE 187.
The approximate estimate of quantities is as follows:
225 cubic yards RUBBLE MASONRY, in mortar;
60 cubic yards CEMENT, concrete;
5 feet B. M. LUMBER, in foundations;
39,000 linear feet 6-inch CAST-IRON PIPE, to be laid;
9,200 linear feet 4-inch CAST-IRON PIPE, to be laid;
1,000 linear feet 4-inch CAST-IRON PIPE, to be laid.
Plans and specifications can be seen at the

to be laid.
Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Water Committee.
T, M, BOWYER.
C, A, BOARD.
SAMUEL GRIFFIN,
R, S, QUARLES.
my 10-Su.Tu&Th3w

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, April 27, 1885. WHEREAS, BY SATISFACTORY evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE NATIONAL BANK OF VIRGINIA." in the city of Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, has com-plied with all the provisions of the "act of Congress to enable national banking asso-clations to extend their corporate existence and for other purposes," approved July 12,

Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby cer-tify that "THE NATIONAL BANK OF VIRGINIA," in the city of Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, is authorized to have succession for the period specified in its amended articles of association-namely, until close of business

Currency Bureau.

of the Comptroller
of the Currency.
Treasury Department.

In testi mony
whereof witness
my hand and seal
day of April, 1885. H. W. CANNON, Comptroller of the Currency. No. 1125.) ap 29-31t

PROCLAMATION. BYTHE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA A PROCLAMATION.

A PROCLAMATION.

Information having been officially received by the Executive that H. H. Terry was forcibly taken from the public jail of the county of Bedford by an armed and disguised mob, some time during the night of the 17th day of May, 1883, and murdered by being hung by the neck to a tree; and the names of said men being unknown to the Executive, therefore i do hereby offer a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for the airest of any person or persons who was or were guilty of said crime; and I do moreover require all officers of this Commonwealth, civil and military, and request the procure said arrest or arrests, that he or they may be brought to justice.

I ESSER ternor and under the Lessor Seal SEAL. fof the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 22d day of May, 1883, by the Governor:

B. W. FLOURNEY.

Ey the Governor:

B. W. FLOUNGY.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

my 23-2taw8w

FLOUR-BEST."

THERS & CO.'S "BEST"-Highest Grade Spring Wheat Patent made. Relatively the cheapest Flour. Sixty pounds more bread per barrel than winter-wheat flour. For sale to the trade only by R. LEWIS, 1210 Cary street, my 27-3m Agent for State of Virginia.

TEAS. GINE GUN-POWDER, OOLONG, ENGLISH BREAKFAST.
JAPAN, AND HENO TEAS at

MCCARTHY & HAYNES'S.

DURE AND DELICIOUS

Telephone, 287, H. W. MOESTA, 111 EAST MAIN STREET. FRESH, RICH JERSEY CREAM

NEWEST IMPROVED FREEZING-APPA-RATUS. enables me to furnish a still more superior lee-Cream than heretofore, and respectfully solicit your favored further patronage. PIC-NICS, FAIRS, AND PARTIES pplied at most possible lowest rates at ort notice, in any desired flavor and antity.
Mr. C. A. PULLING e21 west Main street,
Mr. C. A. PULLING e21 west Main street

DECOS, MEDICINES, &c. I SE BLAIR'S CHLORAL THYMOL

TO DESTROY CONTAGION, TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE, AND TO REMOVE ALL, BAD ODDINS FROM THE ROOM OR THE PERSON. It has a pleasant smell; it is a harmies, legant, and powerful deodorizer and germdestroyer.
For sale by druggista. Price 50 cents a bottle. Prepared by J. BLAIR.
my 6 corner Broad and Ninth streets.

PURE FRUIT-JUICES AND PLA-VORING EXTRACTS for Soda-Water Syrups. Also, Oil VITRIOL and MAR-BLE-DUST. For mie by my 6 BODEKER BROTHERS. ONDON PURPLE AND PARIS GREEN, for destroying potato-bugs Wholesale and retail by BODEKER BROTHERS, my 6 Druggista.

LACE CURTANS and UPHOLSTERY THE UNIVERSAL METAL POLISHING PASTE, for Cleaning and Polishing Brass and other

> e genuine. Price 15 cents per box. Liberal discount to the trade. PURCELL, LADD & CO., LADIES. - PENNYROYAL PILLS

1.4 ("Chichester's English") are worth their weight in gold. Full particulars, 4c. Chichester Chemical Company, 2313 Madi-son square, Philadelphia. ap 22-Tu,Th,Sa&SutJel WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c. NEW JEWELRY AND GOLD-

my 26-3m C. GENNET.

RICHMOND, VA. FINE DIAMOND AND GOLD JEWELRY,

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.

DEALERS IN DENTAL MATERIALS. HAIR-WORK TO ORDER.

E. KERSEY.

NOVELS ARE SWEETS. ALL people with healthy literary appetities love them—almost all women. A vast number of clever, hard-headed men, judges, bishops, chancellors, mathematicians, are notorious novel-readers, as well as young boys and sweet girls, and their kind, tender mothers. —Thackeray. Many thousand lest hooks by the best authors at 1302 Main street. I rices from loc, up.

RANDOLPH & ENGLISH. my 30-d&w

THE BIBLE,
PRAYER-BOOKS AND HYMNALS,
LARGE SELECTION
THEOLOGICAL BOOKS.
WEST, JOHNSTON & CO.,
Booksellers and Stationers, 911 Mainstreet,
ny 21

For sale by

BECKWITH & PARHAM.
my 24-cod&w MERCANTILE AGENCY.

THE BRADSTREET COMPANY. PROPRIETORS.

VOLUMES ISSUED QUARTERLY.
Shoets of Changes semi-weekly. Constant
revisions and prompt notification to subscribers. Names of reitable lawyers who
make collections as specialty.
Its ramifications are greater and its business larger than any other similar organisation in the world conducted in one interest
and under one management.
You are respectfully invited to investigate,
and if in need of any agency to test its shility to serve you.

RICHMOND OFFICE

No. 1212 MAIN STREET.

No. 1219 MAIN STREET. J. H. WHITTE, Superintendent

LICENSE-TAX. OFFICE CITY COLLECTOR. }
RICHMOND, VA., May 26, 1895. }
LL PERSONS WHO HAVE FAIL-

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1885.

ONDERTAKERS. W. BILLUPS & SON, W. BILLUPS & SON,
FURNISHING UNDERTAKERS,
1506 EAST MAIN STREET (under St. Charles
Hotel),
BURIAL-CASES, SHROUDS, and FUNERAL CONVEYANCES furnished at all
hours. Telegraph orders attended today or
night.

WILLIAM H. SUTH-NISHING UNDERTAKERS, 724 BAST MAIN STREET, between Seventh and Eightb, have a large assortment of SHROUDS, WOOD and METALLIC CASKETS, CASES, and CLOTH CASKETS, at low prices.

No. 1215 EAST BROAD STREET,
RICHMOND, VA.
Office, No. 68.
Residence, No. 118.
Orders promptly executed. Prices moderate.

C EORGE A. AINSLIE & COMMENTARY OF SONS, CARRIAGE BUILD.
ERS, RICHMOND, VA.—A fall steek
LANDAUS. LANDAULETTER, TIC.
RIAS, PHARTONE, BUGGITE, OC.
style vehicle balls to order. REPAIRI
done in the very best manner and all wy
prices. A few SECOND-HARD VIETE
VERY Cheen.

D. BUCHANAN.

(late of Glasgow, Scotland.)

of Petersburg, Va.

bas opened that New and learntiful Store
No. 111 EAST BROAD STREET
AS A FIRST-CLASS JEWELRY ESTABLISHMENT.

DIAMONDS. WATCHES, AND SOLID
my 26-3m

C. GENNET & CO.,

SOLID SILVER SPOONS, FORKS, KCT.

the control of the co BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILD. NEW REVISED EDITION OF

NOW READY, THE REVISED BIBLE-Oxford editions-in various styles.

C. F. CLARKE, Pres. E. F. RANDOLPH, Tr. [Established 1849.] THE BRADSTREET MERCANTILE

EXECUTIVE OFFICES, 279, 281, AND 268
BROADWAY, NEW YORK,
Offices in all the principal cities of the
United States and Canada; in Loudon, England; also a Continental and Australian correspondence.
VoluMES ISSUED QUARTERLY,
Shorts of Changes semi-weekly. Constant

ED TO PAY THE LICENSE-TAX assessed against them for the year 1885 are hereby notified that unless the same be

"For all bills remaining UNPAID on the 1st day of May a fine of not less than ONE DOLLAR nor more than FIVE DOLLARS for each day thereafter will be imposed." A. R. WOODSON. City Collector

low prices.

Country and telegraph orders promptly attended to day or night. ap 1-1 wacowin L. T. CHRISTIAN, FURNISHING UNDERTAKED

ap 15-cod3m 917 MAIN STREET. WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER.